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IRRADIATION APPARATUS,

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of December 31, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 42-53 as follows:

--42. A laser irradiation apparatus for forming a laser beam elongated in one direction on an irradiated surface, comprising:

a laser oscillator; and

two reflectors for splitting said laser beam.

43. A laser tradiation apparatus of claim 42, wherein said laser beam has a length of 600 mm or more along said one direction on said irradiated surface.